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SUBJ: EGYPTIAN EMBASSY PRESS CONFERENCE ON MIDDLE EAST

1. THE EGYPTIAN AMBASSADOR TO MALI HELD A PRESS
CONFERENCE AT THE EMBASSY CHANCERY APRIL 10 WHICH SOUGHT TO
FIX THE BLAME SQUARELY ON ISRAEL FOR SECRETARY KISSINGER'S
"FAILURE" TO NEGOTIATE A SETTLEMENT AND TO RESTATE THE

EGYPTIAN POSITION DIRECTLY TO THE MALIAN PEOPLE AND PRESS.
THE EMBASSY MADE THE FOLLOWING POINTS:

A) EGYPT HAS COOPERATED FULLY WITH ALL MEDIATORS
SEEKING A PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT OF DIFFERENCES BETWEEN THE
TWO COUNTRIES

B) ISRAEL, AS THE CLEAR AGRESSOR, HAS BEEN TOTALLY
INFLEXIBLE IN NEGOTIATIONS AND AS A RESULT IS FULLY
RESPONSIBLE FOR THE FAILURE OF MR. KISSINGER'S STEP-
BY-STEP DIPLOMACY.

2. EGYPT, ACCORDING TO THE STATEMENT, HAS PRESEN-
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TED THE FOLLOWING DEMANDS TO THE SECRETARY OF STATE:

A) SIRAEEL'S WITHDRAWAL FROM STRATEGIC SINAI PASSES
AND OIL FIELDS

B) THAT PRESIDENT FORD GIVE A WRITTEN GUARANTEE
STIPULATING THE DISENGAGEMENT OF TROOPS FROM THE SYRIAN
FRONT DURING THE EXECUTION OF THIS ACCORD (THE AMERICAN
PRESIDENT HAS ALREADY GRANTED THIS GUARANTEE)

C) THAT ISRAEL NOT ENGAGE IN ANY MILITARY OR PARA-
MILITARY OPERATIONS AGAINST SYRIA, OR ELSE EGYPT WILL BE
OBLIGED TO CARRY OUT ITS OBLIGATIONS WITH RESPECT TO SYRIA.

D) THAT ISRAEL SHOULD RECOGNIZE THAT AN EQUITABLE
AND DURABLE PEACE WILL NOT BE ACHIEVABLE WITHOUT THE
PARTICIPATION OF THE PALESTINIANS.

E. THE STATEMENT ADDS THAT DESPITE THE FAILURE (MR.
KISSINGER'S), EGYPT INSISTS ON THE MAINTENANCE OF
PEACE AND IN ATTEMPTING TO FIND OTHER AVENUES TOWARD PEACE
HAS MADE THE FOLLOWING DECISIONS:

A) TO REOPEN THE SUEZ CANAL ON JUNE 5

B) TO PROLONG THE MANDATE OF UN TROOPS FOR ANOTHER
THREE-MONTH PERIOD.

C) TO CALL FOR THE CONVENING OF THE GENEVA
CONFERENCE.

THE STATEMENT CONCLUDES BY SAYING THAT "EGYPT
WILL CONTINUE TO COOPERATE WITH HER ARAB BROTHERS IN
THE ROAD TOWARD PEACE BUT AT THE SAME TIME SHE WILL NOT
CEASE HER SEARCH FOR MEANS OF LIBERATING OCCUPIED ARAB
LANDS."

4. QUESTIONS, SUBMITTED IN WRITING IN ADVANCE
ONLY BY MALI'S OFFICIAL MEDIA, REFERRED ESSENTIALLY TO THE
ABOVE POINTS. NO ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS WERE TAKEN AND ALL
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